(b) if so, whether this amount has been sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No. Sir. This Ministry has received 51 estimates amounting to Rs. 242.92 crore during 2005-2006 from State Government of Madhya Pradesh for improvement of important roads under Central Road Fund, out of which 39 estimates amounting to Rs. 128.43 crore have been sanctioned.

(c) Does not arise.

Funds allocated for upgradation of National Highways/ Expressways

1886. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a programme to upgrade/ develop National Highways/Expressways across the country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with details of the stretches of roads identified for upgradation/development, targeted date for completion of the projects and the allocation made for the purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The Government has entrusted about 18000 km. of National Highways to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for upgradation/ development under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase I, II and IIIA. The details are as under:

Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. in crores)	Likely date of completion
NHDP Phase-I	30300 (at 1999 prices)	96% by June, 2006
NHDP Phase-ll	34339 (at 2002 prices)	December, 2008
NHDP Phase-IIIA	22000 (at 2004 prices)	December, 2009

The State-wise length of highways covered under NHDP, Phase I, II and IIIA is enclosed as statement. *(see* below)

Allocation of funds are made project wise and not State-wise.

Statement

Statewise length of roads under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase I, II & IIIA

All figures are in km.

SI. No.	State	NHDP-I & II					NHDP
		Golden Quadri-lateral	North-South corridor	East-West corridor	Port Connec-tivity	Others	Phase-IIIA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,016	769		12	83	285
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0					
3	Assam	0		681		10	
4	Bihar	206		501			
5	Chandigarh	0					
6	Chhattisgarh	0				18	135
7	Delhi	25	21			10	20
8	Goa	0			13		
9	Gujarat	485		634	56		
10	Haryana	152	183			18	167
11	Himachal Pradesh	0	11				110
12	Jammu & Kashmir	0	451				
13	Jharkhand	192					75
14	Karnataka	623	92		37	10	457
15	Kerala	0	162		10		230
16	Madhya Pradesh	0	539	118			94
17	Maharashtra	489	276		44	17	474
18	Manipur	0					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
19	Meghalaya	0					
20	Mizoram	0					
21	Nagaland	0					
22	Orissa	443			77		288
23	Pondicherry	0					4
24	Punjab	0	270			20	153
25	Rajasthan	722	30	527			186
26	Sikkim	0					
27	Tamil Nadu	341	750		54	477	946
28	Tripura	0					
29	Uttar Pradesh	754	188	656		148	266
30	Uttaranchal	0					125
31	West Bengal	398		331	53		
	TOTAL	5,846	3,742	3,448	356	811	4,015

National Policy on Dredging

1887. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present there is no policy on dredging;

(b) whether investments in dredging is minimal;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to formulate a national policy on dredging;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) Government has already formulated a dredging policy after detailed discussions with all the stake